

Relationship with Resource Parents Policy

What is this policy about?

This policy is about CFSA's relationship with resource parents (foster parents, licensed kinship caregivers, proctor parents, and pre-adoptive parents) and the roles and responsibilities of resource parents and the Agency within that relationship.

CFSA is required-

- To share information with resource parents regarding any child that they have or are considering having in their home
- To notify the resource parents about upcoming hearings and meetings regarding the permanency plan for any child placed in their home
- Respond promptly to requests for help or support with the children
- To discuss any plans to change the placement of a child in the Resource Parent's home in advance (unless there is an emergency) and assist the Resource Parent and child in making the transition

Resource Parents are required-

- To care for the children placed by CFSA as if they were the resource parents' own children, with a few exceptions:
 - No physical discipline
 - No extremely stressful, emotionally or physically damaging types of discipline
 - Encouragement of their healthy relationship with biological family members
 - Records of significant activities and health records must be kept for the children to meet Agency standards
 - Maintain the confidentiality of the children
- To ensure that children attend school and any other required activities (visits with family, therapeutic interventions, medical appointments, etc.)
- To report child abuse and neglect whenever they have concerns that a child in their care has been maltreated
- To provide for the children's health needs
- To participate in the case planning for the child
- To provide clothing and personal belongings for the child